

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are now pending in this application.

The present application is a divisional/continuation of parent application Serial No. 10/129,361, filed May 3, 2002, which is filed to pursue subject matter not covered or specifically claimed in the allowed claims of the parent application.

Favorable action and early allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

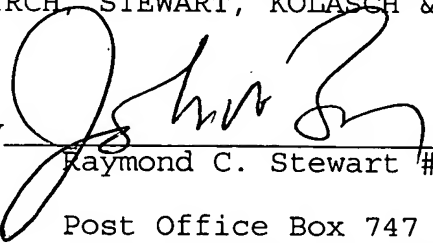
If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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